

**Medical Command**

**STATE AIR SURGEON (SAS)**

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**Compliance with this publication is mandatory**

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This instruction governs the position of the State Air Surgeon (SAS) in the Air National Guard (ANG). It implements ANGPD 40-1, *State Air Surgeon*. This ANGI prescribes the qualifications, duties, responsibilities, and both wartime and peacetime contingency requirements of the State Air Surgeon.

**SUMMARY OF REVISIONS**

This publication further defines requirements stated in : AFI 41-106, *Medical Readiness Planning And Training*; AFI 41-115, *Authorized Health Care And Health Care Benefits In The Military Health Services System*; AFI 41-117, *Medical Service Officer Education*; AFI 44-103, *Medical Support For Mobile Medical Units/Remote Sites*; AFI 44-119, *Medical Service Clinical Quality Management*, AFI 46-102, *Nursing Care*, and AFI 48-123, *Medical Examination and Standards*. It complements ANGI 40-103, *Medical Support to Geographically Separated Units*, ANGI 41-103, *Annual Training, Planning Requirements, and Procedures for ANG Aeromedical Evacuation Units*, and ANGI 41-104, *ANG Medical Service Function and Emergency Response Capability*, in establishing guidance for the ANG Medical Service.

**1. Philosophy.** The SAS enhances the ability of the ANG to properly perform its state and Federal mission as the primary liaison between the individual medical/aeromedical units, the Adjutant General (TAG), the Air Surgeon (ANG/SG), and the Air National Guard Readiness Center (ANG/SGS) on medical matters. The SAS helps to ensure that the state maintains a viable and healthy force for worldwide deployment. The SAS also coordinates appropriate use of medical assets mobilized for state or national emergencies. Authority for this position is as follows:

- 1.1. Appointed by the Adjutant General with concurrence of ANG/SG.
- 1.2. Member of the State Headquarters staff as the senior ANG medical officer.

**2. Qualifications of SAS:**

- 2.1. Must be a Flying Class (FC) II qualified flight surgeon, preferably with previous medical command experience.
- 2.2. Should be an 0-6 or eligible for promotion to 0-6 with at least two years' retainability.
- 2.3. Must have Provider Credential File (PCF) approved by ANG/SG before appointment.
- 2.4. Credentials must remain current and be renewed every two years after appointment (anniversary month) to remain in the position.
- 2.5. Must spend one week of Annual Training (AT) at ANG/SG within one year of appointment as SAS and attend the Health Services Management Course (HSM) within two years of appointment. Failure to complete the training negates authority granted in 4.
- 2.6. SAS must hand carry PCF to ANG/SGSE for review during their training or refresher training at ANG.
- 2.7. Waiver to any of the above qualifications rests with ANG/SG.

**3. Duties and Responsibilities of SAS:**

- 3.1. Oversees all ANG Medical/Aeromedical Evacuation programs within the State.
- 3.2. Reviews and awards clinical privileges to medical corps commanders. In the event of a non-physician commander, reviews and awards clinical privileges for all health care practitioners.
  - 3.2.1. After proper certification by the Air Surgeon, may certify credential packages for new health care practitioners being accessed.
  - 3.2.2. Packages will include, at a minimum, a fully verified license, a fully verified professional degree in the specialty being applied for, fully verified internships, residencies, and national certification as may apply, as well as a current National Practitioners Data Bank inquiry for those AFSCs requiring same.
- 3.3. Leads Health Professions Recruiting/Retention team within State.

3.4. Performs annual staff assistance visits (SAV) to all medical units, squadron medical elements (SME), aeromedical squadron (AES), and those geographically separated units (GSU) with assigned medical personnel (IAW ANGI 40-103). Files a report to the Assistant Adjutant for Air (AAG), TAG and ANG/SG 3500, Fetchet Avenue, Andrews AFB MD 20762-5157, by close of each fiscal year. Subject areas to be considered (but not limited to) during a SAV:

3.4.1. Host medical squadron's (MDS) support of GSU personnel.

3.4.2. GSU emergency response capabilities as outlined in ANGI 41-104.

3.4.3. Team Aerospace involvement in support of GSUs with emphasis on bioenvironmental engineering, public health, occupational health and medical intelligence.

3.4.4. Currency of required training for all MDS, AES, SME and GSU medical personnel to include annual tour, medical readiness, on the job training, sustainment, etc.

3.4.5. Ensuring that GSU/SME credential files/PCFs are appropriately maintained by the host MDS.

3.4.6. PES, resources and management.

3.5. Serves as advisor on Officer Performance Reports (OPR) of medical personnel, and provides input at wing level for medical /aeromedical commanders' OPRs.

3.6. Recommends and endorses awards, decorations, and promotions of medical members.

3.7. Serves as a member of medical officer promotion boards.

3.8. Promotes flying safety, maintains flying currency, participates in flying safety briefings and supports safety investigation boards.

3.9. Works with active duty medical facilities to improve access to care for eligible ANG personnel [Active Guard Reserve, Line of Duty (LoD-YES), etc.].

3.10. Advises the State Planning Committee for disaster preparedness. Interfaces with the State Emergency Management Agency regarding ANG medical resources.

3.11. Advises line commanders on medical unit commander selection.

3.12. Attends the Air National Guard annual medical meeting or HSM at least every other year.

3.13. Completes recertification training in order to maintain waiver/certification authority every four years as directed by ANG/SG.

3.14. Required to have electronic mail capability.

3.15. Ensures that the LoD and Incapacitation Benefits processes within the State are completed IAW ANGI 36-2910, *Line of Duty Misconduct Determinations*, and ANGI 36-3001, *ANG Incapacitation Benefits*.

3.16. Is an advocate of medical/health programs with state and wing commanders; i.e., suicide prevention, anthrax or immunization trackings.

#### **4. Medical reviewing and approving authority:**

4.1. Reviews and ensures completeness of Medical Evaluation Board and initial waiver packages prior to forwarding to ANG/SGP for final disposition.

4.2. Monitors routine administrative LoDs providing input to TAG when appropriate. Reviews all other LoDs as authorized by ANG/SG.

4.3. Reviews and certifies medical examinations of all individuals transferring from active duty Air Force, Air Force Reserves, and other Air National Guard units.

4.4. Reviews: Waiver renewals (FLY), initial packages (commission, enlist, FC II, FC III, ground based controllers or combinations), periodic general officer, and FC I/IA medical packages.

4.5. May grant interim waiver for participation in inactive duty for training for a maximum of one year for ANG personnel not medically qualified on the probability that the member will become qualified, or will be granted a waiver by ANG/SGP or assigned a DAC-42 code within that year.

4.6. After proper training, as outlined in 2.5., may grant medical waiver renewals and limited initial waivers as delegated by ANG/SG. A copy of all waivers shall be forwarded to ANG/SGP.

4.7. Reviews and certifies credentials for all health care practitioners for accession into the ANG, IAW provisions as stated in ANGI 36-2005, *Appointment of Officers in the Air National Guard of the United States and as Reserves of the Air Force*.

#### **5. Wartime and peacetime mission contingency:**

5.1. Medical advisor to the AAG and TAG during state emergency or Federalization.

5.2. Coordinates with State Army Surgeon to best utilize medical resources and manpower.

5.3. Serves as the disqualifying authority for individuals not meeting minimum standards for worldwide duty during Federal and state involuntary call up.

5.4. Will report to ANG/SG upon mobilization.

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**1 Attachment**  
**Abbreviations and Acronyms**

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AAG	Assistant Adjutant for Air
AES	Aeromedical squadron
AGR	Active Guard Reserve
AT	Annual Training
FC	Flying Class
GSU	Geographically separated units
HSM	Health Services Management
LoD	Line of Duty
MDS	Medical Squadron
PCF	Provider Credential File
SAS	State Air Surgeon
SAV	Staff assistance visits
SME	Squadron Medical Elements